

MAKING PRISONERS OF THE CHILDREN

Judge Whitney Tells What
He Thinks Of
Practice

REFORM SCHOOL NEEDED
FOR FOOL PARENTS

POLICE JUDGE SEVERELY CON-
DEMNS LAW THAT SENDS
BOYS AND GIRLS TO
JAIL

The law which condemns to the Reform School a boy or a girl who has committed some such heinous crime as running away from school or growing when his mother tells him to get a bucket of water may be a wise and just law—but there are some people who don't think so. As a law it must be enforced, and when a boy or girl is brought up before the Police Judge charged with having violated the law, there is nothing for the Judge to do but to commit the offender to the school—prison, it is, rather. There is no other place to send the child. And if his mother doesn't want to be bothered with him what else is there to do?

But the Judge who has to try such cases and make such commitments has little respect for the very law that he is obliged to enforce.

Within the last day or two there have been told in the columns of this paper the stories of several children, the oldest one fourteen years of age, who have been arrested and taken to the police station to associate with the thieves, burglars and general riff-raff of society who are incarcerated there. A number of them have been committed to the Reform School. It went against the grain with Judge Whitney to commit them, but, as he says, the law allows him no other course.

"Take the case," said the Judge yesterday, in referring to the matter, "of this boy Fred Raposa whom I have up today. He's not a bad boy. He's not nearly as bad a boy as I used to be or as nearly all of us were when we were boys. He doesn't like to go to school any more than most boys do. Some time ago he stayed away from school for a day or so. The boy was turned over to Father Matthew, and for a month he was as good as a boy could be. Then one day his mother got mad at him and bluffed him in the eye. As a consequence he had a black eye, and was ashamed to go to school so he stayed out again.

"His mother declares she won't have him about. Says if he comes into the house she'll kick him out. So she comes up here to me and wants me to send the boy to the Reform School.

"What am I to do? The law says for me to send him to the Reform

School. But I know that if I send him there he will come out a good deal worse than he went in. A reform school never reforms. It only makes criminals. But I can't send the boy back to that kind of a home and a mother like that. There simply does not seem to be any place for the boy. And he is a good boy, too.

Then take the case of this little girl Rose Hart whom I committed to the Girls' Industrial School yesterday. I suspended her sentence today, so as to give her another chance. I don't want to send her to that place. It won't do her any good. It will only have a tendency to make a bad girl of her in the end. She is only 12 years old, and she hasn't done anything bad. But her home surroundings are bad, and she ought not to stay there. I am hoping that some arrangements can be made to find a better home for the girl, so that she will not have to go to the school.

"There are cases just like that coming up almost every day. It is a shame to send such children to a reform school, but the law makes no other provision. Since the juvenile law went into effect there has been a constant succession of such cases come up in my court.

"I think we need a reform school for parents more than we do for children.

"We have a law for the prevention of cruelty to cats and dogs. We have none for the prevention of cruelty to children. A father can beat his child, kick it, throw it out into the street, and we can't do anything to him for it. The law allows it. We have for a long time been trying to get a law through the Legislature that will protect children, but our efforts have been useless so far. I am hoping that we shall have better luck next time. We ought to have some way of getting at these parents who ill-treat their children."

The Judge refers to a matter that has been attracting the comment of everybody who has anything to do with the Police Court. For some time ever since the juvenile law went into effect, cases like the ones mentioned have been coming up constantly. Parents who are too shiftless or too lazy to take care of their own children, turn them over to the police, have them locked up in the jail and sent to the Reform School. Even the police officers, who are used to such things, consider the condition which exists abominable. The jail-yard of the police station they consider no place for a child—and anyone who will visit the place and see the kind of prisoners with whom a young girl is associated there cannot blame the clerk and the Judge, who think that it is nothing less than an outrage on humanity to lock a boy or a girl up in a place like that, usually for no crime more serious than playing truant or swiping a banana. Judge Ben Lindsay, the famous judge of the juvenile court of Denver, says that the reason some boys are bad is on account of fool fathers and fool mothers. There appear to be other judges, not a thousand miles from Honolulu, who agree with him.

John T. Moir of the Onomea Sugar Company of Hilo came in on the Kinau today to be in attendance at the meeting of the Planters' Association next week.

SOCIAL NOTES

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Hatch-Whitney Wedding

The wedding of Miss Annie Whitney and Mr. Francis Lewis Hatch took place at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Whitney, on King street, on Wednesday evening. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. John Osborne of St. Clement's under a canopy of malle, star jasmine, palms, carnations and marguerites. The bride—a charming girl—who was given into the keeping of the groom by her father, was exquisitely dressed in embroidered white chiffon over chifon and taffetas, and she carried a shower bouquet of orchids and white roses. Miss Edna, the bridesmaid, was prettily attired in blue plus over blue taffetas with garnitures of lace, and her shower bouquet was of red roses, the flowing ribbons being notched with buds. Mr. Wade Warren Thayer was best man, and Messrs. Merle Johnson and S. G. Walker acted as ushers. The wedding march was beautifully played by Mr. Cosceres as the wedding party approached the flower bedecked bower and the faultless strains from Lohengrin greeted the bridal couple as they walked down the room to receive the greetings of their friends. A flashlight was taken just at that time. After the service there was a large reception, at which Mr. and Mrs. Whitney received in the bridal bower. Mrs. Whitney wore a spangled lace gown over black silk and looked very handsome. Mr. Kaal's famous orchestra was stationed on the lawn. A marquee also occupied a prominent position on the lawn, most brilliantly illuminated and little tables were arranged in an artistic fashion, the guests following the time-honored custom of drinking the health of the bride and groom. Mrs. Owens and Mrs. Charles Chillingworth were responsible for the beautiful decorations. Lovely presents were on view. A set of silver was from the groom's parents, while Mr. Hatch's associates in the United States District Court sent silver sets of spoons, knives, forks. Judge Dole sent a handsome water set, and the groom's gift to the bride was a large and beautiful diamond ring.

The Andrade bungalow on College Hills will be the future residence of Mr. and Mrs. Hatch. Among the guests present at the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Whitney, Mr. Frank Whitney, Mr. James Whitney, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Breckons, Hon. and Mrs. John Cummins, Senator-elect and Mrs. Chas. Chillingworth, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Owens, Mr. Crowell, Rev. and Mrs. John Osborne, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Murray, Mr. Roscoe Perkins.

Mr. Wallace Farrington, who was successfully operated upon at Miss Johnson's sanatorium this week, is rapidly recovering.

Mr. Curzon Osborne is employed at the Kahuku sugar mill.

Col. and Mrs. Lauka have gone to Kona for a few days' outing.

Mrs. Stackable, who has been spend-

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WOMAN AFFAIR CAUSED MURDER

The Hilo Herald contains the following particulars regarding the finding of the body of Yamada, the murderer, which was announced exclusively by the Bulletin through a wireless message last Thursday:

Yamada Yinchiro, a Japanese who has been wanted for murder since September 25th, was found dead yesterday afternoon in a Pepeekeo canfield. Police Captain Fetter was notified and the remains were taken in charge and identified. The body had been lying in the field for a long time, and it was impossible to ascertain the cause of death, but there is every reason to believe that Yamada killed himself immediately after committing his murder.

Yamada's victim was a Japanese woman named Mora. He cut her throat on both sides and stabbed her. Then he disappeared and not a trace of him could be found up to yesterday. The body lay only a short distance from where the murder was committed.

The murder was due to the old Japanese story of sale of wives. Yamada sold the woman on a Saturday night to another Jap. On the following day, in a fit of jealousy, he killed her. The coroner's jury accused him of the crime and it is thought there was ample evidence to have sent him to the gallows had he been arrested.

DESHA'S RESIGNATION

The Rev. S. L. Desha, member of the Board of Supervisors and a candidate for re-election in the recent election, is to leave his local church. The announcement was made at a meeting last Sunday, and is understood to be in part a result of the political results of a week ago.

Mr. Desha, it is stated, will probably exchange work with the Rev. Timoteo of Honolulu, as traveling agent of the Hawaiian Board of Missions, the Rev. Timoteo coming to Hilo to take the place of the Rev. Desha. The latter has been pastor of Halli church for a number of years.

The political activities of the minister introduced some dissension in the congregation, and he has been subjected to some considerable criticism for mixing in the game. In the former election, however, he was successful, and he has served a term as Republican member of the Board now about to retire. Desha has also done a lot of speechmaking for his party on Oahu.

The Kinau this week brought a delegation from the Hawaiian Board to discuss the proposed change.—Hilo Herald, Nov. 15.

Boyce—"Did you say that fellow was a vegetarian?" Joyce—"He is a truck farmer."

ing some time at the picturesque little hotel at Waialua, so successfully run by Manager Biddgood, returned to town on Thursday.

The hop at the Seaside hotel on Tuesday evening was a very gay affair. There were many of the local set present and a goodly influx of strangers from the transport, who seemed to thoroughly amuse themselves.

Dr. and Mrs. Cofer will soon go to the East for the benefit of Mrs. Cofer's health.

Mr. L. D. Nichols, of Fanning Island, has been a guest at the Monna for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Hatch and family expect to return to Honolulu in March.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Boyd have departed from Honolulu for the East. They are not expected to return.

Prince and Princess Kawanakoa have gone to the other islands for a few weeks.

THANKSGIVING

By last steamer we received the finest and largest assortment of dinner place cards for the holidays ever brought to this city. Call in and inspect them. Wall, Nichols Co., Ltd.

W. H. Seabury and W. Savage, prominent members of the Puunene Athletic Association, arrived in the Kinau this morning.

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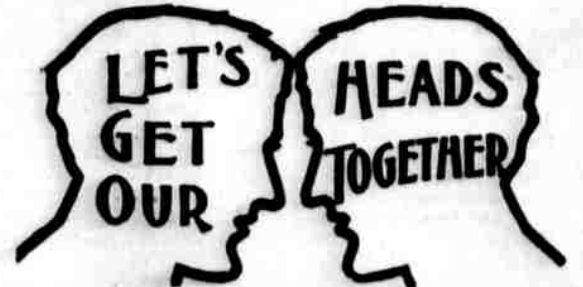
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